

# CONFIDENCE

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

SERIE: CAPRICES NOT ENGRAVED



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1797

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid,  
Spain

DIMENSIONES

197 x 141 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Documented work

TITULAR

El Prado National Museum

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

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INVENTARIO

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## INSCRIPCIONES

*Confidence* (in pencil, lower right).

Watermark: [Shield with helmet, bird inside, and underneath "D.N J.PH GISBERT / ALCOY"]  
(lower half)

## HISTORIA

The drawing passed by inheritance in 1828 to Javier Goya, the painter's son, and in 1854 to Mariano Goya y Goicoechea, the artist's grandson. It was subsequently owned by Valentín Carderera (ca. 1861) and Mariano Carderera (ca. 1880). In 1886 it was acquired from Mariano Carderera by the General Direction of Public Instruction and was assigned to the Prado Museum, where it entered on 12 November 1886.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Goya was always fascinated by amorous relationships between women. In this drawing, two women dressed in lock-suits are engaged in opening or closing locks on each other. Their faces cannot be seen, as they cover their heads with hoods, perhaps in allusion to the furtiveness and prohibition of their relationship.

According to Gassier, this is a theme with a strangely erotic symbolism. In a number of contemporary and later drawings, the painter depicted the woman wearing a kind of armour or dress full of locks, but almost always with a man trying to open them, hence the boldness and modernity of this drawing, which goes much further in its pretensions and is the first and probably the only time Goya treated this theme from this exclusively female perspective and in such an open manner. In fact, this excessive boldness, scandalous for the time, must have been the reason why this drawing, probably preparatory for the *Caprices*, was never engraved or included in the edition of the *Caprices*.

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Hamburger Kunsthalle Hamburg 1989

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Museo Nacional del Prado Madrid 1994

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PALABRAS CLAVE

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